(b) the target of import fixed in respect for the year 1993-94; and

(c) in view of the increasing demand of petroleum in country what steps Government propose to explore new oil fields in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The expenditure on the import of crude oil and petroleum products during the last three years was as under:—

Year	*Value (Rs./Crores)*
1990-91	10779
1991-92*	13038
1992-93*	17045

*Provisional

(b) Approximatley 30.60 MMT of crude and 12.89 MMT of petroleum products is proposed to be imported during the year 1993-94.

(c) Government has worked out an attractive package of terms and conditions for encouraging risk capital investment in exploration and subsequent production. Discovered oil and gas fields have also been offered for development by private companies under joint venture arrangements for medium sized fields and under production sharing contracts for small sized fields.

Visit by Iranian Delegation

2907. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level delegation form Iran led by its Petroleum Minister visited India during November, 1993; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the subjects discussed and the broad decision arrived at the meetings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The subjects discussed include the supply of natural gas from Iran to India, supply of crude oil, import of LPG from Iran to India and technical co-operation in the hydrocarbon sector.

Allocation of Gas for Power Projects in Gujarat

2908. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat have requested to allocate natural gas for the power projects in Gujarat;

(b) if so, indicate the decision taken thereon and the quantum of natural gas available from the offshore gas fields; and

(c) what is the quantity of gas allocated to Gujarat for power projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) A total of 7.55 MMSCMD of gas has been allocated to the power projects in the State of Gujarat of which 2.25 MMSCMD is to be supplied from the Western Offshore fields.

Consumption of LPG and Kerosene

2909. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of Kerosene and LP Gas supplied/distributed for domestic consumption per month;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Kerosene and LPG for Domestic Consumption are likely to be available in open market rate without subsidy; and

(c) whether the Committee appointed for rational policy on Public Distribution System has been advised to take this commodity also into consideration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH

SHARMA): (a) Kerosene is an allocated product. The average monthly allocation and supply for the year 1993-94 works out to around 728 TMT.

The demand of existing domestic LPG customers is being met by and large in full. The LPG demand of domestic customers fluctuates due to seasonality. The average monthly consumption of LPG by domestic customers is about 223 TMT at present.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Kerosene is being supplied through PDS. LPG is being distributed through the dealerships of the Public Sector Oil Companies.

New Petrol Pumps and gas agencies in Himachal Pradesh

2910. SHRI MAHESHWAR SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places in Himachal Pradesh where Government have decided to sanction new gas agencies, petrol pumps and diesel pumps before 31st March 1994 this year;

(b) whether Government have received proposals from public representatives through Himachal Pradesh Government to open new gas agencies, petrol pumps and diesel pumps at places other than the places mentioned above in Himachal Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Requests are received from time to time from different parts of the country including Himachal Pradesh for setting up new retail outlets and LPG distributorships. After survey, locations meeting the Industry norms are included in the Marketing Plans for opening of dealerships/distributorships. Accordingly, 15 retail outlet and 1 LPG distributorship proposals have been included in the current Marketing Plan for Himachal Pradesh, as under:—

Retail Outlet

1. Ghagas
2. Sujanpurtihra
3. Hamirpur
4. Draman
5. Alampur
6. Dalihara
7. Patlikul
8. Sarchu
9. Nerchowk
10. Shimla Bye Pass
11. Kotkhai
12. Sateun
13. Ponta Sahib
14. Kunihar
15. Una.

LPG Distributorship

1. Shimla.

Building up Domestic Gas Pipeline

2911. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ONGC has signed contract with a British Gas Company;

(b) whether the Global tender for building up domestic gas pipeline had not been invited; and

(c) if so, the facts thereof and details of the terms of joint operation worked out with a British Gas Company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Short fall in export of petroleum products

2912. SHRIMATI ILA PANDA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is short fall in the export of petroleum